

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

3 Louisiana State Action Day at the state capitol and to encourage efforts to inform the

4 citizens of Louisiana about multiple sclerosis.

5 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous

6 system that affects 2.3 million people worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that most people are

8 diagnosed with the disease during the prime-of-life years, ages twenty through fifty; MS

9 causes unpredictable effects, of which the progression, severity, and specific symptoms

10 cannot be foreseen, and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remains

11 unknown; and

12 WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is committed to a world free of

13 MS by heightening public knowledge and insight into the disease; and

14 WHEREAS, since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving

15 force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment, and a cure; over

16 868 million dollars has been invested in groundbreaking research; and

17 WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the

18 efforts of nearly 380 research projects, globally totaling 50.2 million dollars annually, at the

19 best medical centers, universities, and other institutions throughout the United States and

20 abroad; and

1 WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations
2 from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and Louisianans
3 should support; and

4 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the importance of finding the cause
5 and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the
6 National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown towards a future free of multiple sclerosis.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 designate Wednesday, April 6, 2016, as National Multiple Sclerosis Society Louisiana State
9 Action Day at the state capitol and does hereby encourage all Louisianans to learn more
10 about multiple sclerosis and what can be done to support individuals with multiple sclerosis
11 and their families.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13 to the president of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

DIGEST

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